

# ***ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH***

Maidstone Road, Rochester, ME1 3EN

**15<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – SECOND SUNDAY (A)**

Readings: Ecclesiasticus 24: 1–2, 8 - 12; Ephesians: 1: 3 – 6, 15 - 18

Responsorial Psalm: *The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.*

Gospel acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans;  
Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world. Alleluia!*

Gospel: John 1: 1– 18

**Crib Offerings** this year are for the **Friends of the Holy Land**. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

## **Church Unity Octave:**

From 18<sup>th</sup> until 25<sup>th</sup> January the Church observes eight days' prayer for Christian Unity.

## **The next parish walk,**

“Historic Rochester”, is today, 15<sup>th</sup> January. Meeting after 11am Mass to leave on foot by 12. All are welcome, suitable for all ages, mostly good footpaths. A good chance to share local knowledge and maybe learn something new. Possibility of lunch in Rochester for those who wish to.

**The new ramp and the paving** works to the front of Church have now been carried out.

In future, the two parking spaces to the right of the main church door will be for Disabled Badge Holders ONLY. Please respect this.

## **Bible verse to remember:**

The Lord said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, In whom I shall be glorified”. [Isaiah 49:3]

## **History of St John Fisher of Rochester – 12**

William Rastell testified of Bishop John Fisher; “He, like a good shepherd, would not go from his flock, but continually fed them with preaching of God’s word and example of good life. He, like a good shepherd, did what he could to reform his flock both of the spirituality and temporality, when he perceived any of them to range out of the right way, either in manners or doctrine.”

It was said of Bishop John Fisher that he gave alms to the poor and would diligently visit the sick and where he saw any likely to die he would preach to them, teaching them the way to die, with such good persuasions, that for the most part he never departed till the sick persons were well satisfied and contented with death.

## **APF – Mill Hill Mission Thank You and Appeal**

This weekend we welcome Father Liam Cummins who will take the opportunity to thank the Parish for their support, prayers and donations to the 1069 World Missions. Please note that there will be **NO** cash collection. The thank you and appeal is to inform you of the work carried out by APF – Mill Hill and to ask for continuing prayers and financial support, which can be given through their “Red Boxes”.

*“Truly nothing is more beautiful than to know Christ and to make him known to others.”* Pope Benedict XVI

**If you are a visitor today or new to our parish,** you are most welcome, not only to experience God’s powerful presence in this holy place, but also to cherish the friendship of our spiritual and friendly community. Kindly find a **Welcome Pack** in the porch to complete and hand over to Fr Antony.

**Our new website: <http://stjohnfisher.me.uk>**

## HOLY MASSES THIS WEEK.

<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017</b>	9am 11am 6pm	Maria Connor – Wellbeing People of the Parish Mary Lee – R.I.P.	SECOND SUNDAY (A) PRAY FOR PEACE ON EARTH
Monday	10am	Communion Service *	
Tuesday		No Mass.	Saint Antony, Abbot
Wednesday	10am	Communion Service *	Church Unity Octave
Thursday		No Mass.	Saint Wulstan, Bishop.
Friday	10am	Communion Service *	Saint Fabian, Pope & Martyr and Saint Sebastian, Martyr.
Saturday	10am	Holy Communion and Benediction	Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr.
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	9am 11am 6pm	People of the Parish Tommy Tierney. Seamus O'Brien - R.I.P.	Third Sunday (A) Saint Vincent, Deacon & Martyr.

**\*Please note:**

The Communion Service on Monday, Wednesday and Friday will not take place if it is/or has been snowing and/or the roads are icy.

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January

Collection: Loose - £234.25; Envelopes -£293.10 = £527.35

Attendance: 9am – 108; 11am –94 ; 6pm - 46 = 248

100 Club: £20 – L O'Hara - 24; £10 – Bill McEwan-138

**On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February,** after the 10am Mass, there will be a meeting with all those involved already, or willing to be involved, in our Welcoming Ministry, the 100 Club collection or Repository sales, before & after our Sunday Masses. Please make every effort to be there if possible. Thank you.

**100 Club members cards for 2017-2018** are in the porch for collection. Can everyone please check the notice board for list of names and make corrections if required and let me know if you are no longer/or wish to stop participating. Any outstanding monies owed will be in pencil at top of card and monies paid in advance for 2017-2018 will be marked off. Anyone wishing to join please choose one of the numbers without a name and put yours in the space provided. The cost is £1 per week and can be paid weekly, monthly, quarterly, bi-annually or annually in advance.

Thank you for supporting this Parish initiative which helps to support your Church.



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